

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2003, Applicants amend Claims 28 and 31 to clarify various aspects of inventive subject matter and in some cases to remove unnecessary limitations. Solely for the purpose of advancing prosecution of this case and without addressing the veracity of the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I. Applicants, therefore, withdraw Claims 57-64 from the above-identified patent application without prejudice or disclaimer.

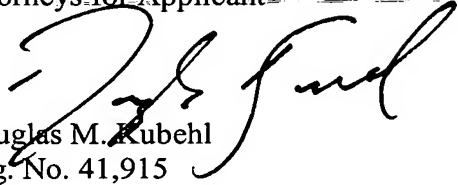
CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that no fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicant stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

28. (Amended) A method of managing one or more optical elements, comprising:

accessing a memory comprising:

monitored information describing at least one operational characteristic of an optical element measured at a plurality of time periods; and

provisioning information correlated with at least some of the monitored information, the provisioning information describing at least one setting of the optical element; [,]

retrieving provisioning information correlated with monitored information reflecting a desired operational characteristic of the optical element; and

applying at least a portion of the retrieved provisioning information to the optical element to result in the optical element operating more closely to the desired operational characteristic.

31. (Amended) A method of managing one or more optical elements, comprising:

accessing a memory comprising:

monitored information describing at least one operational characteristic of an optical element measured at a plurality of time periods; and

provisioning information correlated with at least some of the monitored information, the provisioning information describing at least one setting of the optical element; [,]

retrieving provisioning information correlated with monitored information reflecting a desired operational characteristic of the optical element; and

applying at least a portion of the retrieved information to an application operable to monitor and/or modify the performance of the optical element based at least in part on the retrieved information.

Claims 57-64 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

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